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THE BINGNEWS

US forces ready for to punish Syria, not regime change

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US forces yesterday readied to strike Syria as the West insisted its goal was not regime change but to punish the Assad government for unleashing chemical warfare on civilians.

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The White House said there was "no doubt" that President Bashar al-Assad's forces were to blame for an attack which killed hundreds of Syrians last week, and promised to provide declassified evidence this week to prove it.

With military action seen as a near certainty and expected within days, Syria vehemently vowed to defend itself with what it dubbed "surprise" measures, while allies Russia and Iran warned that the use of force would have dire consequences.

Global stock markets dived and world oil prices hit a sixmonth high as the drumbeat of war grew louder.

US Defense Secretary
Chuck Hagel said the American
military was already prepared
to act if President Barack
Obama gave the order -- though
White House aides said no final
decision had been taken

"We are prepared. We have moved assets in place to be able to fulfil and comply with whatever option the president wishes to take," Hagel said. "We are ready to go, like that."

Analysts expect to see cruise missiles launched from US and allied submarines, ships and possibly planes, firing into Syria from outside its waters and airspace.

US allies like Britain and France could also be involved.

The White House said that any US action would be to defend the principle that chemical weapons should not be used -- and would not aim to topple Assad, despite previous calls for him to go.

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Fiscal incentive package for economic zone has specific goals

SAN NICOLAS -- According to President of the San Nicolas Busi-Association ness Marcelino (SNBA Quant, San Nicolas needs opportunities for employment as well as investment, it is for this reason that the government has created an economic zone and has anchored the incentives to certain conditions.

Quant has indicated that they are satisfied with the results of the two forums titled, "Why do Business in San Nicolas?" These forums received a great deal of attention from

San Nicolas as well as from residents in Oranjestad.

Apparently many business owners are waiting to make a decision as to whether to establish in San Nicolas. One of the reasons for waiting is to have the economic zone become law officially. Another reason for waiting is due to an election that is imminent and most matters are always put on hold during election time.

The Tax Incentive Package was created with two goals, which are to create employment and to attract investment.



In order to get maximum benefit from this economic zone, with its extra benefits, a business owner must make a minimum investment and must employ a minimum number of employees.

Because the risk is great doing business in San Nicolas, according to Quant, provisions such as "investment deductions and beneficial tariffs among others, as well as ground taxes and other incentives are important much more for San Nicolas than in areas such as Oranjestad and Noord.

US blaze grows to seventh biggest ever in California

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) The wildfire threatening
Yosemite National Park grew
yesterday to become the seventh biggest ever in California,
as firefighters battled to keep
ash from contaminating San
Francisco's main water supply.

The so-called Rim Fire now covers 179,481 acres (72,633 hectares), taking it into California's top 10 biggest ever blazes from 13th on Monday.

By Tuesday it was 20 percent contained, up from 15 percent the previous day.

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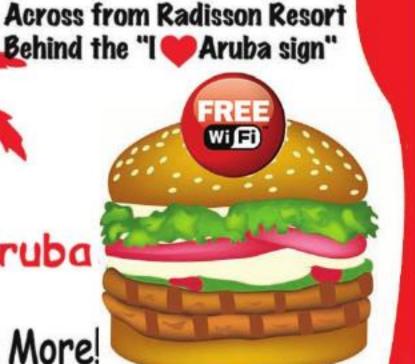
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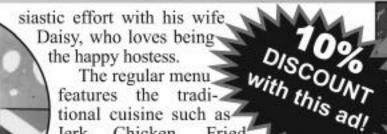
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US forces ready for to punish Syria..

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"I want to make clear that the options that we are considering are not about regime change," said Obama's spokesman Jay Carney. He said that claims that it was unclear who fired the weapons or that Syrian rebels could be responsible were "preposterous."

It was undeniable that chemical weapons were used, that the Syrian regime has custody of the country's chemical arsenal and that it used the type of rockets bearing the murderous payload in last Wednesday's attack, he said.

Carney added that a declassified version of a US intelligence investigation into the attack would be released this week. He refused to say whether Washington would seek a UN Security Council mandate for action, despite the likelihood of a Russian veto.

A Syrian campaign is expected to be limited in scope, likely to last only several days and to target military sites but not the chemical weapons stocks themselves, sources in Washington said.

An opposition Syrian National Coalition official said in Beirut that the group expects a Western military intervention within days and has been consulted over targets.

"It's a question of days and not weeks," said Ahmad Ramadan, adding that "there have been meetings between the Coalition, the (rebel) Free Syrian Army and allied countries during which possible targets have been discussed."

They included airports, military bases and arms depots, he said

During a defiant news conference earlier yesterday, Syria Foreign Minister Walid Muallem said Damascus would defend itself.

"We have two options: either to surrender, or to defend ourselves with the means at our disposal," he said. "The second choice is the best. We will defend ourselves."

US allies kept up a coordinated push for action.

In London, Prime Minister David Cameron recalled parliament to discuss the crisis and said Syria's use of chemical weapons was "morally indefensible."

His deputy Nick Clegg echoed US assurances about not seeking regime change.

Westin's Pago Pago earns Wine Spectator's Award of Excellence

PALM BEACH - For the fourth year in a row, Westin's flagship restaurant, Pago Pago, has been acknowledged with Wine Spectator magazine's Award of Excellence.

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PARIS (AFP) - President Francois Hollande said France was "ready to punish" those behind the attacks and will meet the Coalition's leader

The Arab League meanwhile put the "entire responsibility" for the "horrible crime" in Syria on Assad's government.

The regime has denied it fired chemical weapons into the Damascus suburb, killing many of the victims in their beds. It says the rebels battling Assad in a vicious civil war are respon-

Syria's ally Moscow, meanwhile, stepped up its anti-Western rhetonic.

"Attempts to bypass the Security Council, once again to create artificial groundless excuses for a military intervention in the region are fraught with new suffering in Syria and catastrophic consequences for other countries of the Middle East and North Africa," a Russian foreign ministry spokesman

Iran, Syna's main regional ally, said Western action would threaten the stability and security of the region.

But another key regional power Turkey, said the chemical attack was a "crime against humanity" that "cannot go un-

Amid fears of reprisals for any Western attack, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed a fierce retaliation if his country came under

We are not part of the civil war in Syria, but if we detect any attempt to hurt us, we will react, and react fiercely," he

Most European equities fell sharply as investors ignored solid data from Germany and nervously eyed Syria, sending the price of safe-haven gold soaring.

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In 1986 the young people of Aruba received a new status as a result of the Status Aparte of Aruba In 1996 the government of Aruba decided to suspend the obligation to join the military service. As of 1996 young people can join the military service on a voluntary basis.

To commemorate the 50 years Camarada-Aruba is organizing special activities for those who complied with obligatory military service and served our country during the years 1963 to 2013. These activities will be held on Saturday, August 31st. The day will begin with a parade through the streets of Downtown. This will be followed with a speed march of 50Km beginning in the

Main Street and ending in Savaneta. There will also be a parade in San Nicolas. Mr. Sam Ramada is the person in charge of these activities.

The official parade in the city begins at 10:00 in the morning to 12:00 noon at the former Brenchie's in the Wilhelminastraat where it also ends. Participants must show up no later than by 9:30 a.m. The speed march will start afterwards from here too. Persons interested in participating in the march in Oranjestad may register at Hooiberg 93-C at Coby Henriquez (593-0923) or at Budget Marine at Alwin Lacle (593-2269). Contribution is Afls. 25 which encloses a tshirt, a medal, a certificate of participation and referesh-

Those interested in participating in the speed march and the parade in San Nicolas should contact Sam Ramada (566-3024) or Ruben Boekhoudt (588-9962).



Ten Fatal Sales Mistakes Your Business must Avoid

One of the best things about sales is that it is a skill that can be learned by practically anyone. True, there are some people we consider "natural" salesmen/women. Most of the

rest of us must learn the skill of selling. We must be continuously working at becoming better at the job of selling, improving our skill!

My observations reveal that many businesses make a bundle of horrible mistakes in their sales practices. I walk into a business and within minutes I can single out the mistakes they are making. Sometimes these mistakes

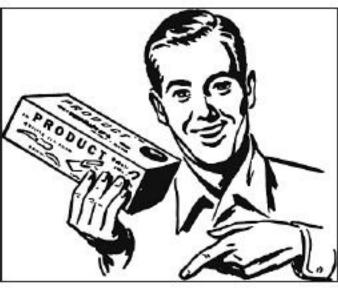
are so evident I ask myself, how come the owners, managers don't see them and correct them it would make a big difference in their bottom line if they did. I remember one business in particular, the blunders were so horrible, and I decided I don't want to do business there again.

Obviously, it is imperative that businesses avoid the sales mistakes so prevalent today. They need to sharpen their sales skills each employee ought to be professionally trained in sales skills. Let me identify 10 of the most prevalent sales mistakes businesses make:

A. Emphasizing product rather than customer.

The mentality that... "I have a product I need to sell to

this customer"...is what I call mediocre sales thinking. The best sales mentality is rather... "I have this customer, now I need to find out how my product can help him."



B. Urging, trying to convince. If you talk, convince, a customer into buying your product once, you will not earn a long term customer. This is so because people don't become long-term customers by being coerced into buying a product. Using high-pressure sales techniques may result in one-off deals, but they do not create loyal customers. If you want loyal customers, you want to be kind, informing and not being coercive.

C. Judging. I heard about the guy who sold solar systems. A good sale could easily be \$50,000. Once he went to a business to introduce his product. To his surprise a man dressed in overalls with a speech problem came out to talk to him, but this guy decided

he would be wasting his time on this guy, so he left abruptly. The next day he learned that that guy in overalls had given his biggest competition a sixfigure sale. He swore he would

never again judge a customer by their looks.

D. Believing that the customer is dumb. Many sales people make the mistake that the customer is dumb, and they are smarter than the customer. The truth is, many customers, you may be surprised, know your business better than you. If the sales person would just shut up long enough to listen, be

humble, and learn, they would be a lot more successful.

E. Not being ready. Never underestimate your need to prepare. Of course you need to know your product cold, but the more you know about to whom you are selling, the better equipped you will be to convey info, answer questions, and handle objections, and make that important sale!

F. Not qualifying a lead. Sales people often waste a lot of precious time trying to sell to someone who really cannot afford their product—or does not need—what they are selling. You want to make sure the prospect has the money, sincere desire, ability, and the authority to purchase.

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Caribbean Journal names Bucuti & Tara Beach Resorts among Top Three 'Greenest' Hotels in the Caribbean

EAGLE BEACH — The Caribbean's leading digital newspaper, Caribbean Journal, has announced their "Top 2013 Greenest Hotels" list, and Aruba's very own Bucuti & Tara Beach Resorts is pleased to be featured among the top 10 hotels, taking third place.

"We are truly honored to be acknowledged among the top 10 greenest Caribbean hotels and are thrilled to represent Aruba as the island's only resort to receive this distinction from Caribbean Journal," said Bucuti's owner Ewald Biemans. "It also is very special to be recognized as one of the Caribbean's pioneering green resorts, as we have been at the forefront of the green movement in hospitality for the past 25 years and are forever committed to preserving Aruba's rich culture and environment."

The resort's Green Team, led by owner Ewald Biemans, has set the benchmark in sustainable tourism, earning the global recognition of more than two dozen environmental awards and certifications. Most recently the resort received the Highest Achievement Award as the top performing sustainable travel and tourism business in

the Caribbean by Green Globe Certification in addition to previously receiving both Travelife Gold and ISO 14001 certifications. The desire to give back to the island community and to preserve the environment stems from Biemans' passion to conserve and sustain the beauty of the tropical destination.

Additionally, as part of Bucuti's mission to provide guests with a total sense of wellness by doing their part to conserve the beauty of Aruba's natural environment, the resort is pleased to announce new culinary offerings that utilize carefully sourced ingredients. Elements is Aruba's first and only restaurant that affords guests the opportunity to enjoy natural and organic dining in the presence of breathtaking views. Whether dining on the newly-constructed oceanfront deck or enjoying beautiful



Eagle Beach indoors via the floor-to-ceiling windows, Elements is an ideal complement to the serene environment for which Bucuti has become known. Wholesome menu options feature genuine, certified organic options and natural products offered through three distinct menus:

world cuisine, organic and natural, and vegan and vegetarian.

As Aruba's only boutiquestyle resort that caters exclusively to adults, Bucuti has long been recognized by travelers worldwide, achieving a number of awards and accolades.

Wilders seeks to form pan-European alliance of right-wing parties

Wilders is in the process of reinventing himself as the champion of the Dutch "squeezed middle" — claiming it is the government's "subservience" to Brussels which is causing unnecessary damage to the country's social fabric.

The strategy appears to be working. A July poll showed for the first time that the Freedom Party would be the largest political party in the Netherlands if an election were held the next day, while just 34 percent wanted Rutte's Lib-Lab coalition to complete its four-year term.

Wilders has called for a series of mass demonstrations outside parliament in The Hague, the first of which is expected next month. "People have had enough," he says.

"They are furious with Mark Rutte and his Labour friends."

It is a strategy on which Wilders believes he may now be able to build his muchvaunted pan-European rightwing coalition, especially with the approach of European elections next spring.

"Next year we can make an enormous advance," he says "Parties that are against the elite are growing in popularity across Europe. These are the parties that really support their countries' national interests and national identities."

He says his coalition will embrace the National Front in France, the Lega Nord in Italy, Vlaams Belang in Belgium, the Eurosceptic Sweden Democrats and, perhaps, Alternative für Deutschland in Germany – forming, he suggests, a mass movement of the right.

"A political revolution is under way from England to Germany, from France to Italy and the Netherlands. We think the same way about 90 percent of issues or perhaps more. I have more in common with these parties than with the whole Dutch parliament."





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G. Dealing with price before benefits. People do not know whether the price you quoted is a fair one until they know what they are getting for that price Stop Reverse it Benefits first, price second. By discussing benefits before price, you establish the value in the product and the price will make more sense. selling the product at almost any price becomes rather easy.

H. Failure to understand that no really does mean no. Salespeople love to say that 'no' really means 'maybe.' Yes, sometimes it does, but 'no' also can just mean no and you need to learn to decipher the difference and respect the

customers' decision to not want what you're selling.

I. Not asking for the sale. A good sales person will ask for the sale at a certain point in the sales process. You risk getting a no, but you may also get a yes. Either way, you want to definitely close the sale. This you do with great tact, and skillfulness.

J. Requesting a referral. After each successful sale an important practice is to ask the customer for a referral. When I started speaking professionally, one of the best advice I got was to have in my contract a clause that says something like, "After the event, if you enjoyed my presentation, you agree to write me a letter of recommendation or refer me to another potential client." That simple clause has gotten me a lot of work and referrals over the years. I have learned that getting referrals is very important. You need to incorporate it into your sales training techniques.

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The first honoree is John Marsh from New York City NY. John loves Aruba very much for the climate, beaches, restaurants and he loves to be with his Aruban friends at the Divi Village. This time he brought some family members with him on his trip. Photo shows John proudly showing off his certificate accompanied of family members.



Also honored were Mr. Walter Sr. and Mrs. Judith O'Neill and their son Mr. Walter Jr. and Mrs. Patricia O'Neill, from Ocean Port and Ocean Township NJ. The honorees are members of the Marriott Ocean Club. A certificates were presented to them by the Aruba Tourism Authority rep Ernest Giel.



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By late yesterday it was 20 percent contained, up from 15 percent the previous day.

A main road into Yosemite, one of America's top tourist destinations, remains closed as more than 3,700 firefighters battle the flames.

The blaze has forced the closure of multiple roads, campgrounds and other facilities in the area, and has also threatened a number of groves of giant sequoia tree, some of the biggest and oldest living organisms on the planet.

But it remains more than 15 miles away from the majestic Yosemite Valley area at the heart of the park, visited by millions of tourists every year to see natural wonders including the Half Dome and El Capitan rock formations.

Although ash from the in-

ferno has reached the reservoir that supplies San Francisco's drinking water, crews said they were confident public health can be protected, local news reports said.

The Hetch Hetchy Reservoir is the main source of fresh water for 2.6 million people living in the San Francisco Bay Area, located some 200 miles (320 kilometers) to the west.

"Water quality is not currently impacted by the Rim Fire," the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission said in the latest update on its website.

"We are monitoring water quality every minute of each day to ensure its quality and safety."

The fire is also threatening the iconic giant sequoia trees in Yosemite.

"They are definitely in dan-

ger, but we're doing everything we can," Bentley told CNN when asked about the trees.

The Merced and Tuolumne groves "are not currently in imminent danger," according to Yosemite's park website.

Bentley said firefighters had "a pretty good chance of keeping it away... But it's going to take a heck of a lot of work and a lot of air power."

Schools in several nearby areas were closed yesterday.

No injuries or deaths have been reported due to the blaze, but it has destroyed at least 23 structures and threatens 4,500 more, officials say.

Governor Jerry Brown has declared a state of emergency for San Francisco due to the threat to its water and even power supplies.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Nissan to have self-driving car on market in 2020

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Motorists could go hands-free, leaving their cars' computer brains fully in charge, as early as 2020, when Nissan says it plans to have a self-driving vehicle ready for the market.

The Japanese automaker said yesterday that its "revolutionary" self-drive technology could be ready by then, and that it is already building a synthetic cityscape of real roads and buildings for testing the vehicles.

"I am committing to be ready to introduce a new ground-breaking technology, Autonomous Drive, by 2020, and we are on track to realize it," chief executive Carlos Ghosn said yesterday.

Nissan, which broke ground in 2010 with the introduction of its Leaf fully electric small car, said it is aiming to build a self-driving car that can be sold at "realistic prices."

"The goal is availability across the model range within two vehicle generations," the company said in a statement.

Nissan said it is already testing how to extend its Safety Shield technology, which uses a 360 degree system of cameras and sensors to help drivers park and avoid collisions.

Autonomous Drive would enhance safety and accident avoidance, and allow drivers who spend hundreds of hours commuting every year to make more productive use of their time.

It will also give the elderly and disabled much more freedom and mobility, the company said.

Nissan next year will complete the construction of a proving ground for self-driving cars in Japan.

"Featuring real townscapes
-- masonry, not mock-ups -- it
will be used to push vehicle
testing beyond the limits possible on public roads to ensure
the technology is safe," the
company said.

Prosecutor: Pre-trial of Kadhafi's son next month in Tripoli

TRIPOLI (AFP) - The case against Seif al-Islam, son of slain Libyan leader Moamer Kadhafi, will be presented to a court in Tripoli on September 19, Libya's public prosecutor announced yesterday.

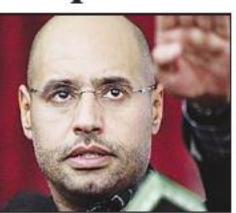
"The prosecutor's office has decided to try 30 people linked to the former regime, including Seif al-Islam Kadhafi (and former spy chief) Abdullah al-Senussi," Abdelkader Radouan

They are accused of crimes committed during the 2011 uprising which overthrew Kadhafi

Baghdadi al-Mahmudi, the last prime minister to serve under Kadhafi, and Mansur Daw who headed the People's Guard are also among the accused.

The International Criminal Court issued arrest warrants for Seif al-Islam and Senussi in 2011, accusing them of crimes against humanity, and it has a UN Security Council mandate to investigate the Libyan conflict

Tripoli and the ICC have been locked in a legal tug-ofwar over where the two men should face trial for their roles in trying to put down the bloody revolt against the Kadhafi regime.



Seif al-Islam Kadhafi

Yesterday's announcement of the pre-trial process comes after the ICC in May rejected Tripoli's request to try the late dictator's son in a Libyan court because of doubts over a fair trial. Tripoli has appealed the decision.

The defendants face a string of charges, including the "formation of armed bands to carry out crimes that undermine state security" and "incitation to rape".

Tripoli's court of first instance, purportedly made up of independent judges, has the power under Libyan law to accept or reject the charges, or to request further investigation.

Observers expect the trial itself to last up to four months.

Seif al-Islam has been held by a brigade of former rebel fighters in Zintan, 180 kilometres (110 miles) southwest of the capital, since his capture in November 2011.



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International News

Brazil's top diplomat resigns over row with Bolivia

BRASILIA (AFP) - Brazil's foreign minister resigned over rising tensions with La Paz after Brazilian diplomats spirited away a Bolivian opposition senator wanted for corruption.

"President Dilma Rousseff has accepted minister (Antonio) Patriota's resignation," a government spokesman told AFP, adding that he would be replaced by Luis Alberto Figueiredo, Brazil's ambassador to the United Nations in New York.

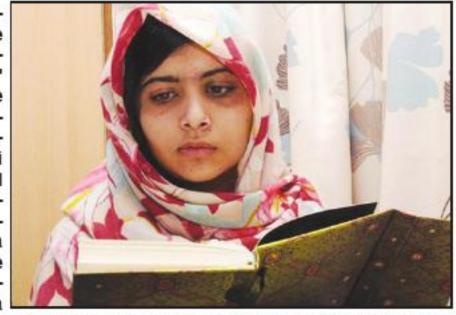
A Brazilian diplomat had revealed earlier in the day that he helped Bolivian opposition senator Roger Pinto escape to Brazil after he was holed up for 15 months in Brasilia's embassy in La Paz despite having been granted asylum.

The Bolivian government views Pinto as a fugitive from justice after he was accused of corruption, for which he was sentenced to a year in prison.

In a letter released by his right-wing National Convergence party in La Paz on Monday, the senator thanked all those who made his escape possible and expressed gratitude to Rousseff for granting him asylum in May 2012.

Malala awarded 2013 Children's Peace Prize

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Teenage activist Malala Yousafzai, shot in the head by a Taliban militant last October after campaigning for girls' right to education, has won the prestigious International Children's Peace Prize, KidsRights announced Tuesday. The Pakistani 16-year-old will receive the award from 2011 Nobel Peace Prize winner and women's rights campaigner Tawakkol Karman at a glittering ceremony in The Hague on September 6, the Amsterdambased organisation said. Malala



"risked her life in the fight for access to education for girls all over the world," KidsRights said in a statement. "By awarding the 2013 International Children's Peace Prize... KidsRights shines the spotlight on a brave and talented child who has demonstrated special dedication to children's rights," it added. The International Children's Peace Prize, an initiative of the Dutch-based KidsRights Foundation, was launched in 2005 by former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, when he chaired the Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates in Rome. It carries a cash value of 100,000 euros (\$133,000) that is invested in projects relating to the winner's cause.

Chinese boy, 6, has eyes gouged out in gruesome attack



BEIJING (AFP) - A six-yearold boy in China had his eyes gouged out, blinding him for life, reports said Tuesday, in a gruesome attack that may have been carried out by a ruthless organ trafficker.

Family members found the boy covered in blood some three to four hours after he went missing while playing outside, according to a television report posted online.

The child's eyes were found nearby but the corneas were missing, reports said, implying that an organ trafficker was behind the harrowing attack.

Its report showed the heavily-bandaged boy being taken from an operating theatre and placed in a hospital bed, writhing in agony as family members stood at his bedside weeping. The boy was drugged and "lost consciousness" before the attacker removed his eyes, state broadcaster China Central Television (CCTV) said on its account on Sina Weibo, China's version of Twitter.

Internet users were outraged by the attack on the boy -- who had a cleft palate -- in Fenxi, in the northern province of Shanxi on Monday.

About 300,000 patients in China need transplants each year, but only about 10,000 people can get them due to a lack of donors, state media said.

Child organs are usually more expensive on the black market, an organ trafficker told Sina Internet news portal in 2010, as "most people think the younger the donor is, the better the quality of organs".

Venezuela says hitmen captured in plot to kill Maduro

CARACAS (AFP) - Venezuela said Monday it derailed a plot to kill President Nicolas Maduro, arresting two hitmen it said wanted to assassinate the leftist leader on orders from a Colombian conservative ex-president

Interior Minister Miguel Rodriguez said at a briefing that Caracas arrested the alleged hitmen, two Colombians, on August 13.

The pair, Victor Johan Guache Mosquera and Erick Leonardo Huertas Rios, were part of "a group of 10 men who were coming to carry out the murder of the president," working with former Colombian president Alvaro Uribe, Rodriguez charged.

Maduro himself called on US President Barack Obama to say if he ordered or knew of the alleged assassination plan. Maduro said that besides Colombia, it was hatched by far-right Venezuelan opposition figures in Miami. Maduro is a frequent and fiery critic of Washington, as was his predecessor, the late Hugo Chavez.

The pair detained were part of a support team for a "highly experienced hitman" identified by the alias David, whom they reported to directly and who was to personally carry out the



assassination, the minister said.

David, Rodriguez charged, was taking orders from a Colombian who is in prison, Oscar Alcantara Gonzalez, alias "Gancho Mosco", who allegedly works for Uribe.

The Colombian ex-president, who held office from 2002-2010, vehemently denied the plot, branding the allegations "slurs."

In an interview with Colombian television, Uribe said he would rather talk about "important issues and not the slurs of the dictatorship."

Venezuelan opposition leader Henrique Capriles, who lost the April presidential vote to Maduro and is contesting the results, shrugged off the alleged plot, saying: "Nobody believes that tall tale."

Rodriguez in June alleged that Maduro was targeted by a separate assassination plot launched from Colombia and the United States.

Venezuela made frequent allegations of assassination plots against the late leftist President Hugo Chavez and has continued to do so under Maduro, his handpicked successor.



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(PAHO) recently released | Measles outbreak an Epidemiological Update for cholera in the Caribbean region

HAVANA - A bulletin Friday by the Pan American Health Organization said Cuba that same day had reported 163 cases in the provinces of Havana, Santiago de Cuba and Camaguey. PAHO, the hemispheric branch of the World Health Organization, indicated that those cases took place this year but gave no specific time

The Havana report on cholera, the second in August alone, seemed to hint at a growing transparency by Cuban officials who previously kept quiet about the disease in a bid to avoid damaging the island's \$2.5 billion-a-year tourism industry, experts said.

Among those cases were 12 persons who had travelled to Cuba from other countries three from Italy, two each from Germany, Spain, Chile and

Venezuela and one from the Netherlands, PAHO noted. Cuba had reported six of those cases to PAHO earlier this month.

in Haiti, since the beginning of the epidemic (October 2010) to epidemiological week (EW) 32 of 2013, the total number of cholera cases reached 669,645, of which 371,099 were hospitalized and 8,224 died.

Since the Oct. 2012, the number of cases and deaths from cholera has been a rollercoaster ride of upward and downward trends.

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NEWARK - An outbreak of measles tied to a Texas megachurch where ministers have questioned vaccination has sickened at least 21 people, including a 4-month-old infant -- and it's expected to grow, state and federal health officials

Sixteen people -- nine children and seven adults -- ranging in age from 4 months to 44 years had come down with the highly contagious virus in Tarrant County, Texas, as of Monday. Another five cases are part of the outbreak in nearby Denton County.

All of the cases are linked to the Eagle Mountain International Church in Newark, Texas, where a visitor who'd In the neighboring Domini- traveled to Indonesia became infected with measles - and ning of the epidemic then returned to the U.S., spreading it to the largely unvaccinated church community, said Russell Jones, the Texas state epidemiologist.

Infections spread to the con-

gregation, the staff and a day care center at Eagle Mountain International

Health authorities notified the church of the first cases on Aug. 14; Texas state health officials issued a warning about the outbreak on Aug. 16. In the meantime, hundreds, perhaps more than 1,000 contacts could have been affected by potentially infected people, they said.

Measles is so contagious that 90 percent of people who are not immune to the disease or vaccinated against it will get sick, health officials warned. It is a respiratory disease spread by sneezing or coughing. The virus can live in the air or on infected surfaces for up to two hours. Symptoms include fever, cough, runny nose and sore throat, plus a characteristic red rash that starts on the face or hairline and spreads to the rest of the body. It can take eight days to two weeks after exposure before an infected person develops symptoms.

Health & Living

Women in **Argentina** sue for \$54 mn over faulty implants

BUENOS AIRES (AFP) -About 300 women with faulty PIP breast implants have filed suit seeking \$54.7 million in damages from three European companies, their attorney said Monday.

"We have filed a class-action suit against France's Poly Implant Protheses (PIP), Germany's TUV Rheinland (quality control) and German insurer Allianz," Virginia Luna told reporters, warning that the total damages sought could be vastly higher since some 15,000 women are believed to have been affected in Argentina alone.

News of the faulty implants in 2011 sparked fears worldwide, but health officials in various countries have said the prosthetics were not toxic and did not increase the risk of breast cancer.

Doctors in France have removed PIP breast implants from more than 16,000 women and found a quarter of the scandaltainted products had signs of splitting or leakage, a watchdog there said in June.

A total of 16,426 women have had the implants removed since investigators found the devices were twice as likely to rupture as rival brands, and that French manufacturer PIP used industrial silicone to fill them, the National Medicines Safety Agency (ANSM) said.

PIP founder Jean-Claude Mas, 73, has been charged with manslaughter and fraud. PIP's implants have been banned and the company, located in southem France, has been liquidated.



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Sci-Tech

Facebook: more than 25,000 government data requests



SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) -Facebook said Tuesday it received more than 25,000 government data requests in the first half of 2013, with the largest number from the United States.

The company's first "transparency report" showed Facebook received between 11,000 and 12,000 requests for data in the United States, affecting between 20,000 and 21,000 users.

It also received more than 14,800 requests from 70 other countries for various government investigations.

Facebook said the report includes "both criminal and national security requests" but without a detailed breakdown. The report comes with US tech companies under pressure following revelations of a secret program which scoops up vast amounts of data from Internet firms.

Tech firms including Facebook have been seeking to release more information on government data requests, in the belief that this would reassure customers.

Facebook's report follows the release of similar information from other tech firms including Google, Microsoft and Twitter.

The Facebook report said at least some data was released in 79 percent of US data requests.

"Transparency and trust are core values at Facebook," the company's general counsel Colin Stretch said.

The second largest number came from India, where 3,245 requests were made, affecting 4,144 users, Facebook said. The company provided at least some data in 50 percent of those cases.

Facebook said that in the

United States, it requires "a valid subpoena," court order or search warrant in order to turn over data

In other countries, Facebook said, "We disclose account records solely in accordance with our terms of service and applicable law."

Facebook said the thirdlargest number of requests came in Britain (1,975) followed by Germany (1,886), Italy (1,705) and France (1,547).

Google, in its most recent transparency report covering the last six months of 2012, said it received 21,389 government requests.

Kevin Bankston at the Center for Democracy and Technology, a digital rights group, commended Facebook for its action, saying that "sunlight is the best disinfectant, and basic numbers about the scope of surveillance of Facebook users can serve as an important early warning system for detecting abuse or overuse of a government's authority to demand user data."

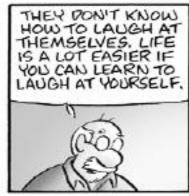


--Samsung has a new version of its 7-inch Galaxy Tab 3 on the way. With its colourful shell and rugged plastic case, this model is aimed squarely at the kids. The Galaxy Tab 3 Kids, as it's called, is basically the same as the standard Galaxy Tab 3 -- due to be unveiled at IFA next week -- but replaces the normal TouchWiz software with a child-friendly interface. As well as pre-loaded educational software, games and apps, the slate will have access to a dedicated kids app store, presumably overseen by the parents to avoid the kids racking up huge app bills.



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Finance

Dutch coalition approves austerity despite recession

THE HAGUE (AFP) - The Dutch coalition government said yesterday it had agreed an additional six-billion-euro (\$8 billion) budget cut next year in its battle to reduce its deficit despite a year long recession.

"The coalition government has agreed on a savings package worth six billion euros," Hendrieneke Bolhaar told AFP

Eurogroup chief and Dutch Finance Minister Jeroen Dijsselbloem said he was glad an agreement had been reached.

"We have put together a savings package that in total will benefit the Netherlands," Dutch news agency ANP quoted him as saying

But the Netherlands remains in recession, making any reduction in the deficit an even more of a difficult challenge. Earlier this month, the central bank said the Dutch economy shrank a further 0.2 percent in the second quarter of this year.

The contraction in the Dutch economy, the eurozone's fifth-biggest, was the fourth quarter in a row.

The government, which groups the Dutch Labour Party (PvdA) in a ruling coalition with the Liberals, had announced a 4.3 billion austerity package in March.

But faced with receding output just as recovery emerged elsewhere in the eurozone, the proposal was shelved in April with Prime Minister Mark Rutte's government hoping to stimulate growth while meeting its commitment to get the deficit below the EU's 3.0 percent target ceiling.

EU Economics Affairs Commissioner Olli Rehn in June said the Netherlands could reach a target of 2.8 percent in 2014, but that would imply major budget cuts.

The Dutch Central Planning Bureau (CPB) -- which advises government on policy -- meanwhile predicted that the deficit would jump to 3.9 percent next year.

The planned cuts include a is mainly based on an exports.

freeze on civil servant wages and budget cuts for various government departments, Dutch media reported

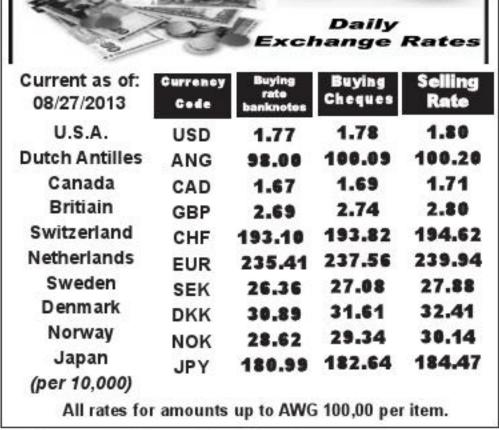
Dutch broadsheet De Telegraaf reported on Tuesday these measures would lead to a 1.0 percent loss in general purchasing power in 2014 by Dutch households.

The budget agreement between Rutte's Liberals and Labour does not yet involve opposition parties, many of whom are fervently against further austerity.

The government said details would be announced on "Prince's Day", the third Tuesday in September when the government budget is traditionally presented to parliament.

The Dutch government's deficit topped 4.1 percent of gross domestic product last year, exceeding the EU target for a fouth year.

The Dutch economy maintains a top Triple A rating and is mainly based on an exports



US mobile shopping revenues top \$10b in 2013

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US mobile shoppers spent more than \$10 billion in the first half of 2013, in a segment making strong inroads in retailing, a survey showed yesterday.

The comScore survey showed retail sales from consumers using smartphones or tablets in the first half rose more than 25 percent from the same period a year ago and now account for 9.5 percent of all digital ecommerce sales.

"While mobile devices are already extremely influential in the overall buying process, they are also beginning to drive a meaningful percentage of digital commerce," said com-Score chairman Gian Fulgoni

"One out of every ten consumer e-commerce dollars is now spent using either a smartphone or a tablet, and growth in this segment of the market is outpacing that of traditional ecommerce by a factor of 2x, which itself is growing at rates in the mid-teens."

The report showed "m-commerce" revenues, which are highly seasonal, at \$5.9 billion in the first quarter and \$4.7 billion in the second quarter. With the largest spending likely in the fourth quarter, sales are on track to top last year's pace of \$20 billion. Smartphones accounted for some six percent of e-commerce sales in the first half of 2013 and tablets for 3.5 percent.

The biggest categories for m-commerce were apparel and accessories, computer hardware and event tickets. Video game, consoles and accessories showed the highest percentage of digital commerce spending via m-commerce at 23.7 percent, according to comScore.

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PANAMA, Colon: A general view shows a ship carrying four new gates for the Panama Canal, heading to the port of Colon, 90 km west of Panama City, on August 20, 2013. The expansion project will allow bigger ships to transit, with two new sets of locks, one on the Pacific side and one on the Atlantic side. The new locks will allow the passage of freighters with a cargo capacity of up to 12,000 containers. The expansion of the Panama Canal could soon have U.S. shipyards producing more vessels to help move cargo from larger container ships that previously could not traverse the canal. The \$5 billion upgrade will enable bigger container ships to bring goods from Asia to the U.S. East Coast.

AFP photo shows Tupperware Brands Corporation products n the production line, on August 27, 2013 at the group's plant in Joue-les-Tours, centre France, on the day of its 40th anniver-Tupperware sary. Brands Corporation, formerly Tupperware Corporation, is a multinational direct sales company. The company was ranked equal # 2 in Fortune's Most Admired Home equipment and furnishings section. Tupperware Brands



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Measles-like virus blamed for Atlantic dolphin deaths



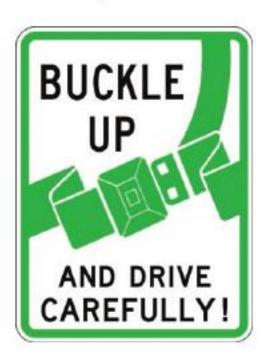
WASHINGTON (AFP) - A dolphin virus that is similar to measles in humans is suspected of causing the deaths of hundreds of Atlantic bottlenose dolphins since July, US officials said Tuesday.

Morbillivirus affects the lungs and the brain, causing pneumonia and abnormal behavior, and is often fatal, experts at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said.

"Many dolphins have presented with lesions on their skin, mouth, joints, or lungs," NOAA said in a statement.

Nine times the average number of dolphins have washed up along the shores of the East Coast this summer, in what NOAA described as an "unusual mortality event," or UME.

"The tentative cause of the UME is being attributed to cetacean morbillivirus, based upon preliminary diagnostic testing and discussion with disease experts," said NOAA.



"To date 100% (27 of 27) of dolphins tested are suspect(ed) or confirmed positive for morbillivirus."

Viruses in the same family can cause measles in humans, canine distemper in dogs and wolves and rinderpest in cattle, NOAA said.

The virus typically spreads
"through inhalation of respiratory particles or direct contact
between animals, including
mothers and calves," NOAA
said

Other mass die-offs linked to morbillivirus have afflicted bottlenose dolphins in the northeastern United States in 1987-89 and the Gulf of Mexico in 1992 and 1994.

A total of 488 bottlenose dolphins have been stranded so far this year along the coast from New York to North Carolina, compared to 167 last year, NOAA said.

LONDON (AFP) -Performers take part in the parade on the second day of the Notting Hill Carnival in west London yesterday. Running over two days, Caribbean carnival puts on a Kid's day on the Sunday when costume prizes are awarded and a 'main parade' day on the Mon-





To protect Amazon, Colombia enlarges nature reserve

Drive for life...



BOGOTA (AFP) - Colombia last week more than doubled the size of a huge nature reserve as it fights to protect the Amazon from deforestation

Environment Minister Juan Gabriel Uribe said deforestation of the Colombian Amazon is a worrisome problem, mainly because of land being cleared for growing coca leaves, logging, illegal mining and agriculture.

With the increase, the Chiribiquete nature reserve now sprawls over 2.8 million hectares (6.9 million acres), making it the biggest of the South American country's 58 natural parks. Altogether, they total about 14 million hectares.

Colombia is one of nine countries that share a piece of the Amazon. Its portion is 6.3 percent of the total. The lion's share is Brazil's, at 64 percent.

Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos said the enlargement of the Chiribiquete nature reserve was aimed at preserving "life, sustainability and the well-being of the Colombian people and humanity."

Colombia committed to the step last year at an international environmental summit.

Unibe said the enlargement of the reserve is key to preserving the Amazon

"The park is located deep in the heart of the Amazon, which is the world's lung, so we are sending a message about the importance of that region," Uribe told AFP.

Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

-- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded get-



away; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown." observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community

of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold

Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in land activities. finishing the decor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property, not the least is the future value of the investment. To further en-

hance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards of Aruba's top providers of and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and is-

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Eat like a local at The Queen's restaurant at Palm Beach Plaza



Grandma's clasic Stew beef with Rice and Potato salad

An elegant décor with a breezy terrace overlooking Palm Beach welcomes guests to Varella Inno cencia's very popular restaurant showcasing authentic local cuisine:

The Queen's.

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming eatery their loyal clientele. Varella's mom,

Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"-"Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena -"Full Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted

Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (com meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.)

Seafood main courses for Catch of the Day Aruban Style to shrimp and a mixed seafood platter with shrimp, fish, squid, scallops and mussels. Meat dishes such as BBQ Chicken and Ribs or Grilled Tenderloin, each including a choice of 2 side dishes, all quite yummy



Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef

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Paul Breitner (c) in 1982

- -We are en route to the world of football Brazil, 2014, Today we'll give a little history of the best defenders of all time. Continuening with the list of the 20 best players is (#10) Paul Breitner who's talent and skill contributed greatly to his national team.

Paul Breitner is a former German footballer, icon of the 70s'. He was born on September 5, 1951 in Kolbermoor Bavarian region.

In 1970, Paul Breitner started in professional football,

specifically at Bayern Munich There he was instrumental in achieving three leagues, and the first European Cup club in 1974.

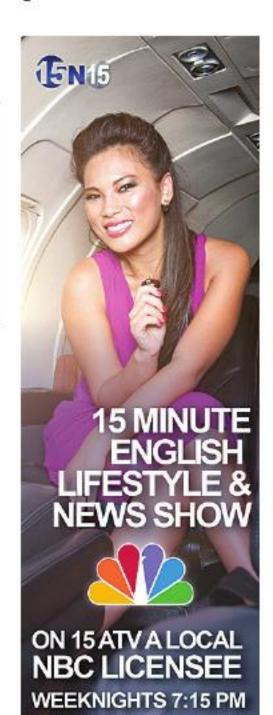
After this step by Bayern, in the same year 1974, having achieved the Football World Championship in Germany, Breitner is transferred to Real Madrid Spanish And his time with the team did not go unnoticed merengue 2 Spanish leagues were accumulating to his resume.

In 1977 he returned to Germany to play a season in the modest Eintracht Braunschweig, and in 1978 returned to Bayern Munich, where in 1983 would leave professional football.

Off the court:

Since his retirement, held the presidency Breitner Bayern was also representative of sports brands, and exerted efforts commentator, and television news. He is currently head of the Bayarian club scout.

Participation in World Cup Breitner played two World Cups, which in 1974 was champion, along with other major players such as Franz Beckenbauer, Sepp Maier, Gerd Müller and others, in 1978 no member of the German team that went to the second round because he chose to retire the Mannschaft. And again in 1982, but was runnerup. Breitner scored two goals in two different World Cup final matches Football, the 1974 and 1982. He has also won the European Championship in 1972. He has been capped 48 times and scored 11 goals.





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Football: Bayern drop first points of season



Freiburg's Fallou Diagne (R) challenges Bayern Munich's Thomas Mueller

BERLIN (AFP) - European champions Bayern Munich dropped their first points of the Bundesliga season in a 1-1 draw at Freiburg on Tuesday ahead of their Super Cup clash against Chelsea.

Bayern were on course to the season after three league wins until they leaked a late equaliser and also suffered an injury blow when midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger came off with an ankle problem.

Bayern still moved a point clear at the top of the table, although Mainz, Borussia Dortmund and Bayer Leverkusen can all leapfrog them should they win their game in hand this weekend.

Bayern coach Pep Guardiola - who has introduced a new 4-1-4-1 system since coming in to replace Jupp Heynckes made several changes to his maintain their perfect start to line-up from the one that beat Nuremberg 2-0 on Saturday.

He rested six of his firstchoice side, leaving out wingers Arjen Robben and Franck Ribery, who both netted at the weekend.

Freiburg coach Christian Streich was delighted with his side's determination to hold the defending champions.

Judo: Kelmendi makes history for Kosovo

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) -Majlinda Kelmendi gave Kosovo their first ever judo world title on Tuesday as she beat Brazil's Erika Miranda in the -52 kilogrammes gold medal match in Rio de Janeiro.

The 22-year-old - the first Kosovan judoka to win a medal at the championships since it became a state in its' own right in 2008 - was not a shock winner as she came to Rio de Janeiro ranked number one in her category having won the prestigious Masters

For Miranda it was also her first medal at either world or Olympic level, the 26-year-old having lost the bronze medal match in the 2007 and 2010 world championships.

It is the first time that Brazil have won a medal in this cate-

Bronze medals went to Germany's Mareen Kraeh and Yuki Hashimoto of Japan - the latter Japan's third medal in as many events.

Football: Ramsey rubberstamps Arsenal progress



LONDON (AFP) - A brace from Aaron Ramsey earned Arsenal a 2-0 win over Fenerbahce on Tuesday that confirmed their place in the Champions League group phase for the 16th consecutive season.

Leading 3-0 from last week's first leg, in which Ramsey also scored, Arsene Wenger's men finished the job in unfussy fashion at the Emirates Stadium thanks to a goal in each half from the in-form Welsh midfielder.

It was a third straight victory for Arsenal since the shock of their 3-1 loss to Aston Villa on the opening day of the Premier League season, but an injury to Lukas Podolski took some of the gloss off the evening

The German appeared to succumb to a hamstring injury early in the second half, which will only increase calls from impatient fans for Wenger to add new players to his squad in the final days of the transfer window.

The first-leg result meant Fenerbahce had not travelled in hope, and they must now await the Court of Arbitration for Sport's decision on their appeal against a two-year UEFA ban for match-fixing, which will be delivered on today.



US Open: Federer rolls into second round at US Open

NEW YORK (AFP) - Roger Federer made a solid start to his bid for an 18th Grand Slam title, advancing to the second round of the US Open by defeating Slovenia's Grega Zemlja 6-3, 6-2, 7-5 on Tuesday.

The 32-year-old Swiss star, who as the seventh seed is at his lowest spot in the US Open since 2002, won a match postponed by rain from Monday night to book a last-64 meeting with Argentina's Carlos Berlocq.

Federer, whose 56th Grand Slam start in a row matched Wayne Ferreira for the all-time record run, has only one title in his past 14 Slam starts, that

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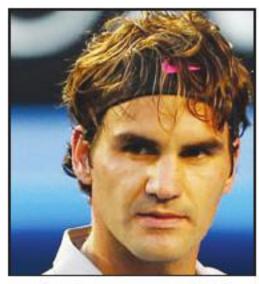
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coming last year at Wimble-

bWorld number one Novak Djokovic, a six-time Grand Slam champion who captured his fourth Australian Open crown in January, launches his quest for a fourth consecutive US Open final later when he faces Lithuanian Ricardas Be-

Also starting later will be 6-4, 5-7, 6-2. two-time Australian Open winner Victoria Azarenka. who faces German Dinah Pfizenmaier. The second seed from Belarus lost to world number one Serena Williams in last year's US Open final.

Canadian 10th seed Milos Raonic fired 28 aces in beating Italy's Thomas Fabbiano 6-3, 7-6 (8/6), 6-3, while fellow big server John Isner blasted 16 aces to down Italy's Filippo Volandri 6-0, 6-2, 6-3

Raonic, 22, is confident he can reach his first Slam quarter-final from a section of the draw that features Spanish fourth seed David Ferrer and French eighth seed Richard Gasquet.

Two other 22-year-olds in the top 25 were ousted. Argentine qualifier Maximo Gonzalez upset Polish 14th seed Jerzy Janowicz 6-4, 6-4, 6-2 as the Wimbledon semi-finalist struggled with back pain and Bulgarian 25th seed Grigor Dimitrov, Russian star Maria Sharapova's boyfriend, lost to Portugal's Joao Sousa 3-6, 6-3,

Czech seventh seed Petra Kvitova, the 2011 Wimbledon winner, and 2009 US Open runner-up Caroline Wozniacki withstood challenges from tenacious Asian rivals to advance.

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ZL: I competed in Puerto Rico and in Peru were I won two bronze medals and one gold medal. Locally, I have won several medals, and I am first in my category.

COA: The expectations of the South American Youth Games are high. What can we expect from you, Zymion?

ZL: I will do my utmost best. I hope to bring home a medal for Aruba again.

COA: Do you have a message for our youth?

ZL: Do some sport, it is good for you. You can travel, it will teach you discipline and will keep you off the streets.

Another athlete to represent Aruba at the 2013 South American Youth Games is taekwondo athlete, Angelo Rodriguez. COA also interviewed Rodriguez. Here's an excerpt of that interview:

COA: Why did you choose taekwondo as your sport?

AR: From the time I was small I have been practicing the sport of taekwondo. Ever since I was 5 or 6 years old. My entire family is in the tackwondo sport.

COA: How have you prepared yourself for the South American Youth Games?

AR: I am training very hard every day, mornings and again in the afternoon. In the vacation time I went to a training camp in Mexico and there I trained 4 times a day.



COA Expectations are very high for the Games. What can we expect from Angelo Ro-

AR: I want to win in my category in Peru. I will be fighting in the 54kg weight category.

COA: What is your dream in your sports career?

AR: I want to become a maximum champion of Aruba, also a world champion.

COAL What message do you have for our youth?

AR: Stay far away from evil. Do a sport, come and try tackwondo it will teach you discipline and respect.

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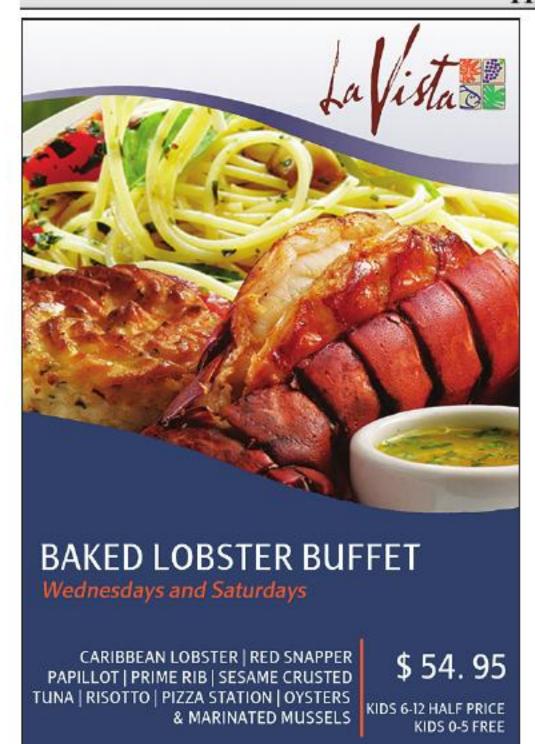
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Aruba athlete for weight lifting is Zymion Loop stok:

COA: Why have you chosen

weightlifting as a sport?

ZL I have been training for two years. I began weightlifting because of my brother who practiced this sport. He gave me an interest in the sport.

COA: Tell us about your preparation for the South American Youth Games.

ZL: I competed in Puerto Rico and immediately upon my return I began training senously every day. I train about five times a week for three hours. I will be competing in the 56Kilogram category.

COA: Do you have international experience and any special accomplishments?

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